

1. Prepare a packaging and shipping kit, to mail the PERK to DCLS.

Items needed:

- Sturdy shipping box (approx. 12x10x4)
- Packing tape and evidence tape
- Labels
- Certified Mail Receipts

2. The box should be mailed via **U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail** to:

Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services 600 North 5th Street Richmond, VA 23219

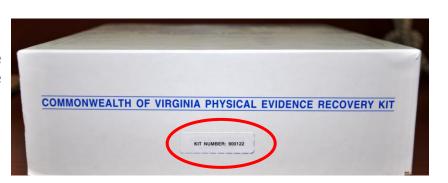


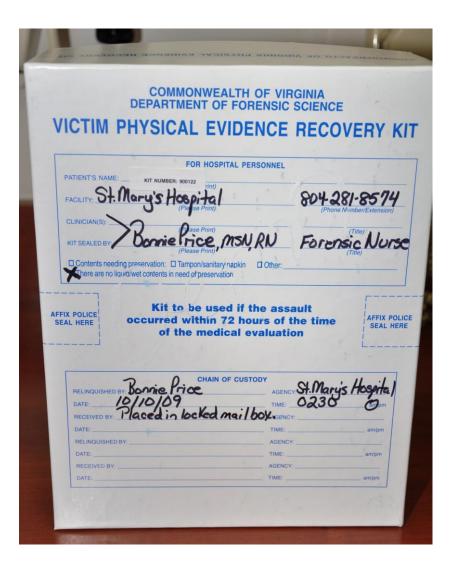


3. The PERK must be sealed on all four sides with tape and initialed on each side with initials on the surface of the box and on the tape.



4. The unique PERK number must be attached and clearly visible on the end of the PERK in the designated place.





- 5. Affix the unique PERK number onto the outside of the box, in the area designated PATIENT'S NAME. Also complete the following:
 - Complete the sections for FACILITY, PHONE NUMBER, CLINICIAN and KIT SEALED BY.
 - Mark an X designating that the PERK has no liquid or wet contents. Wet and liquid items will not be accepted by DCLS.
 - Under CHAIN OF CUSTODY fill in the name, agency, date, time and where the box will be placed for shipment.

6. Place the sealed PERK into a sturdy box for mailing.





- 7. Seal the shipping box with packing tape. In the upper left-hand corner, place a return label with the facilities address, next place a unique numbered PERK label, and below that write the date.
- 8. In the upper right-hand corner, affix the Certified Mail Receipt. The U.S. Postal Service will postmark the receipt and give it to the sender. This receipt must be placed in the patient's medical/forensic record for proof of shipment.
- 9. In the center of the box, affix a label printed with the address for DCLS. Below that label affix the completed green U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail address card. Upon receipt of the package by DCLS, this card will be mailed back to the sender and should also be placed in the patient's medical/forensic record for proof of shipment.